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LET US PRAY.

BY THE AUTHOR OF THE BREEZE IN THE DESERT.

Let us pray! when morn's first light
Pierces through the clouds of night;
While the flowers are dewy yet,
Ere the twinkling stars are set;

Ere the strife and stir begin
Of this world of woe and sin;
For a blessing on the day,
To its Maker—let us pray.

Let us pray! when over heaven
Comes the lovely light of even;
When the distant vesper hymn,
Rising through the twilight dim,
On the evening wind sweeps by,
Like an air-harp's melody;

When the distant sea is gray,
At that soft hour—let us pray!

Let us pray! when winter dews
Clothe the vanished year;
Wraps in snow the leafy hill,
Chains in frost the murmur'd rill;

When, let loose, the chilling breeze
Sweeps the leaves from the trees;
When the summer flowers decay,
Looking on them—let us pray!

Let us pray! around the hearth,
Check the voice of childish mirth;
Ere they go to rest in peace,
Bid the infant prattle cease;

Teach the spotless heart to rise
With its evening sacrifice;
While the artless prayer they say,
With our children—let us pray!

Let us pray! when slumber flies,
And the sad tear dims our eyes;
When there is no voice or sound
In the midnight stillness round;

When gloomy fears foreboding start,
Clouding o'er the mourning heart;
For bright Hope's consoling ray;
In that silence—let us pray!

Let us pray! when at the last
We and sorrow shall have passed;
When around our dying bed,
Sighs are breathed and tears are shed;

In that hour of awful thought,
When the things of earth are nought,
Ere the spirit flies away,
For Heaven's mercy—let us pray!

"MIDSUMMER EASY."

The following is an extract from Capt. Marryat's new
novel "Midsommer Easy."

"I am your superior officer, Mr. Easy," replied the boatswain.

"Yes by the rules of the service; but you just
now asserted that you would waive your rank—
indeed, I dispute it on this occasion; I am on
the quarter-deck, and you are not."

"This is the gentleman whom you have insulted,
Mr. Easy," replied the boatswain, pointing to
the purser's steward.

"Yes, Mr. Henry, quite as good a gentleman
as yourself, although I am a misfortune—I
am of as high a family as any in the country,"
replied Mr. Easthupp, now backed by the boat-
swain; "many the year did I walk Bond street,
and I have as good blood in my veins as you."
Mr. Henry, although I have been misfortunate
—I've a bad humour in my family."

"You have grossly insulted this gentleman,"
said Mr. Biggs in continuation; "and notwith-
standing all your talk of equality, you are afraid
to give him satisfaction—you shelter yourself
under your quarter-deck."

"Mr. Biggs," replied our hero, who was now
very wroth, "I shall go on shore directly we ar-
rive at Malta. Let you, and this fellow put on
plain clothes, and I will meet you both—and
then I'll show you whether I am afraid to give
satisfaction."

"One at a time," said the boatswain.
"No, sir, not one at a time, but both at the
same time—I will fight both or none. If you
are my superior officer, you must descend," re-
plied Jack, with an ironical sneer, "to meet me,
or I will not descend to meet that fellow, whom
I believe to have been little better than a pick-
pocket."

This accidental hit of Jack's made the pur-
ser's steward turn pale as a sheet, and then e-
qually red. He raved and foamed amazingly,
although he could not meet Jack's indignant
look, who then turned round again.

"Now, Mr. Biggs, is this to be understood,
or do you shelter yourself under your quar-
ter-deck?"

"I'm no dodge," replied the boatswain, "and
you will settle the affair at Malta."

At which Jack returned to Mesty.

"Massa Easy, I look at um face, dat fello,—
Eastop, he no like it. I go shore wid you, see
fair play, any how—suppose I can?"

Mr. Biggs having declared that he would
fight, of course had to look out for a second—
and he fixed upon Mr. Tallboys, the gunner
and requested him to be his friend. Mr. Tall-
boys, who had been latterly very much annoy-
ed by Jack's victories over the science of navi-

gation, and, therefore, felt ill-will towards him,
consented: but he was very much puzzled how
to arrange that three were to fight at the same
time, for he had no idea of their being two du-
els, so he went to his cabin and commenced
reading. Jack on the other hand, dared not
say a word to Jolliffe on the subject; indeed,
there was no one in the ship to whom he could
confide but Gascoigne; he therefore went to
him, and although Gascoigne thought it was ex-
cessively *infra dig.* of Jack to meet even the
boatswain, as the challenge had been given,
and there was no retracting. He therefore
consented—like all other midshipmen, antici-
pating some fun, and quite thoughtless of the
consequences.

The second day after they had been anchor-
ed in Vallette harbor, the boatswain and gunner,
Jack and Gascoigne, obtained permission to go
on shore. Mr. Easthupp, the purser's steward,
dressed in his best blue coat with brass buttons
and velvet collar, the very one in which he had
been taken up when he had been roving and
protesting that he was a gentleman; at the very
time that his hand was abstracting a pocketbook,
went up on the quarter-deck, requested the
same indulgence, but Mr. Sawbridge, refused,
as he required him to return staves and hoops
at the coopersage. Mesty also, much to his
mortification, was not to be spared.

This was awkward, but it was got over by
proposing that the meeting should take place
behind the coopersage at a certain hour, on which
Mr. Easthupp might slip out and borrow a por-
tion of the time appropriated to his duty, to heal
the breach in his wounded honor. So the par-
ties all went on shore, and put up at one of the
small inns to make the necessary arrange-
ments.

Mr. Tallboys then addressed Mr. Gascoigne,
taking him apart while the boatswain amused
himself with a glass of grog, and our hero sat
outside teasing a monkey.

"Mr. Gascoigne," said the gunner, "I have
been very much puzzled how this duel should
be fought, but I have at last found it out. You
see that there are three parties to fight; had
there been two or four, there would have been
no difficulty, as the right line or square might
guide us in this instance: but we must arrange
it upon the triangle in this."

Gascoigne started; he could not imagine
what was coming.

"Are you aware, Mr. Gascoigne, of the prop-
erties of an equilateral triangle?"

"Yes," replied the midshipman, "it has three
equal sides—but what the devil has that to do
with the duel?"

"Everything," Mr. Gascoigne, replied the gun-
ner: "It has resolved the great difficulty: in-
deed the duel between three can only be fought
upon that principle. You observe," said the
gunner, taking a piece of chalk out of his pocket,
and making a triangle on the table, "in this fig-
ure we have three points, each equally distant
from each other: and we have three combat-
ants—so that placing one at each point, it is all
fair play for the three: Mr. Easy, for instance,
stands here, the boatswain here, and the pur-
ser's steward at the third corner. Now, if the
distance is fairly measured, it will be all right."

"But then," replied Gascoigne, delighted at
the idea, "how are they to fire?"

"It certainly is not of much consequence," re-
plied the gunner, "but still, as sailors, it appears
to me that they should fire with the sun; that is,
Mr. Easy fires at Mr. Biggs, Mr. Biggs fires at
Mr. Easthupp, and Mr. Easthupp fires at Mr.
Easy: so that you perceive that each party has
his shot at one, and at the same time receives
the fire of another."

Gascoigne was in ecstasies at the novelty of
the proceeding, the more so as he perceived
that Easy obtained every advantage by the ar-
rangement.

"Upon my word, Mr. Tallboys, I give you
great credit; you have a profound mathemati-
cal head, and I am delighted with your arrange-
ment. Of course, in these affairs, the prin-
ciples are bound to comply with the arrangements
of the seconds, and I shall insist upon Mr. Easy
consenting to your excellent and scientific
proposal."

Gascoigne went out, and pulling Jack a-
way from the monkey, told him what the gun-
ner had proposed, at which Jack laughed heart-
ily.

The gunner also explained it to the boat-
swain, who did not very well comprehend, but
replied,

"I dare say it's all right—shot for shot, and
d—n all favors."

The parties then repaired to the spot with
two pairs of ship's pistols, which Mr. Tallboys
had smuggled on shore; and as soon as they
were on the ground, the gunner called Mr.
Easthupp out of the coopersage. In the mean
time, Gascoigne had been measuring an equilat-
eral triangle of twelve paces—and marked it
out. Mr. Tallboys, on his return with the pur-
ser's steward, went over the ground, and find-
ing that it was 'equal angles subtended by e-
qual sides,' declared that it was all right.

Easy took his station, the boatswain was put into
his, and Mr. Easthupp, who was quite in a
mystery, was led by the gunner to the third po-
sition.

"But Mr. Tallboys," said the purser's stew-

ard, "I don't understand this—Mr. Easy will
first fight Mr. Biggs, will he not?"

"No," replied the gunner, "this is a duel of
three. You will fire at Mr. Easy, Mr. Easy
will fire at Mr. Biggs, and Mr. Biggs will fire at
you. It is all arranged, Mr. Easthupp."

"But," said Mr. Easthupp, "I do not under-
stand it. Why is Mr. Biggs to fire at me? I
have no quarrel with Mr. Biggs."

"Because Mr. Easy fires at Mr. Biggs, and
Mr. Biggs must have his shot as well."

"If you have ever been in the company of
gentlemen, Mr. Easthupp," observed Gascoigne,
"you must know something about dueling."

"Yes yes, I've kept the best company, Mr.
Gascoigne, and I can give a gentleman satisfac-
tion: but—"

"Then, sir, if that is the case, you must know
that your honor is in the hands of your second,
and that no gentleman appeals."

"Yes, yes, I know that, Mr. Gascoigne; but
still I've no quarrel with Mr. Biggs, and there-
fore, Mr. Biggs, of course will not aim at me."

"Why you don't think that I'm going to be
fired at for nothing," replied the boatswain; "no,
no, I'll have my shot any how."

"But at your friend, Mr. Biggs?"

"All the same, I shall fire at somebody; shot
for shot, and hit the luckiest."

"Vel, gentlemen, I protest against these pro-
ceedings," replied Mr. Easthupp; "I came here
to have satisfaction from Mr. Easy, and not to be
fired at by Mr. Biggs."

"Don't you have satisfaction when you fire at
Mr. Easy?" replied the gunner; "what more
would you have?"

"I protest against Mr. Biggs firing at me."
"So you would have a shot without receiving
one," cried Gascoigne; "the fact is, that this fel-
low's a confounded coward, and ought to be
kicked into the coopersage again."

At this affront Mr. Easthupp rallied, and ac-
cepted the pistol offered by the gunner.

"You ear those words, Mr. Biggs. Pretty lan-
guage to use to a gentleman. You shall ear
from me, sir, as soon as the ship is paid off. I
purst no longer, Mr. Tallboys, death before
dishonor—I'm a gentleman, damme!"

At all events, the swell was not a very cour-
ageous gentleman, for he trembled most exceed-
ingly as he pointed his pistol.

The gunner gave the word, as if he were ex-
ercising the great guns on board ship.

"Cock your locks!"—"Take good aim at the
object!"—"Fire!"—"Stop your vents!"

The only one of the combatants who appear-
ed to comply with the latter supplementary or-
der was Mr. Easthupp, who clapped his hand to
his trousers behind, gave a loud yell, and
then dropped down; the bullet having passed
clean through his seat of honor, from his having
presented his broadside as a target to the boat-
swain as he faced towards our hero. Jack's
shot had also taken effect, having passed through
both the boatswain's cheeks, without further
mischief than extracting two of his best upper
double teeth, and forcing through the hole of the
farther cheek the boatswain's own quid of to-
bacco. As for Mr. Easthupp's ball, as he was
very unsettled, and shut his eyes before he fired,
it had gone, Lord knows where.

The purser's steward lay on the ground and
screamed—the boatswain spit his double teeth
and two or three mouthfuls of blood out, and
then threw down his pistols in a rage.

"A pretty business by God," spluttered he, he's
put my pipe out. How the devil am I to pipe
to dinner when I'm ordered, all my wind 'damp-
ing through the cheeks?"

In the mean time, the others had gone to the
assistance of the purser's steward, who contin-
ued his vociferations. They examined him, and
considered a wound in that part not to be dan-
gerous.

"Hold your confounded bawling," cried the
gunner, "or you'll have the guard down here;
you're not hurt."

"Hut! hut!" roared the steward; "oh let me
die, let me die, don't move me."

"Nonsense," cried the gunner, "you must get up
and walk down to the boat, if you don't we'll
leave you—hold your tongue, confound you—
You won't then I'll give you something to hol-
lor for."

Whereupon Mr. Tallboys commenced cut-
ting the poor wretch right and left, who re-
ceived so many swinging boxes of the ear, that
he was soon reduced to merely pitiful plaints
of "Oh dear—such inhumanity—I purst—oh
dear! must I get up? I can't indeed."

"I do not think he can move," Mr. Tallboys,
said Gascoigne; "I should think the best plan
would be to call up two of the men from the
coopersage, and let them take him at once to the
hospital."

The gunner went down to the coopersage to
call the men. Mr. Biggs, who had bound up
his face as if he had a toothache, for the bleed-
ing had been very slight, came up to the pur-
ser's steward.

"What the devil are you making such howl-
ing about? Look at me, with two shot holes
through my figure head, while you have only
got one in your stern; I wish I could change
with you by heavens, for I could use my whis-
tle then—now if I attempt to pipe, there will
be such wasteful expenditure of his majesty's

stores of wind that I shall never get out a note.
A wicked shot of yours, Mr. Easy."

"I really am very sorry," replied Jack with a
polite bow, "and I beg to off my best apology."

During this conversation the pursers steward
felt very faint, and thought he was going to
die.

"Oh dear! oh dear! what a fool I was; I
never was a gentleman—only a swell; I shall
die; I never will pick a pocket again—never—
God forgive me!"

"Why, confound the fellow," cried the Gas-
coigne, "so you were a pickpocket, were you?"

"I never will again," replied the fellow in a
faint voice; "hi'll hamend and lead a good life
—a drop of water—oh! lagged at last!"

Then the poor wretch fainted away; and
Mr. Tallboys coming up with the men, he was
taken on their shoulders and walked off to the
hospital, attended by the gunner and also the
boatswain, who thought he might as well have
a little medical advice before he went on board.

"Well, Easy," said Gascoigne, collecting the
pistols and tying them up in his handkerchief,
"I'll be shot, but we're in a pretty scrape; there's
no hushing this up. I'll be hanged if I care;
it's the best piece of fun I've met with." And
at the remembrance of it Gascoigne laughed till
the tears ran down his cheeks. Jack's mirth
was not quite so excessive, as he was afraid that
the purser's steward was severely hurt, and ex-
pressed his fears.

"At all events, you did not hit him," replied
Gascoigne; "all you have to answer for is the
boatswain's mug—I think you have stopped his
jaw for the future."

"I'm afraid that our leave will be stopped for
the future," replied Jack.

"That we may take our oaths of," replied
Gascoigne.

"Then look you, Ned," said Easy, "I've lots
of dollars; we may as well be hanged for a
sheep as a lamb, as the saying is; I vote that
we do not go on board."

"Sawbridge will send and fetch us," replied
Ned; "but he must first find us."

"That won't take long, for the soldiers will
soon have our description and rout us out—we
shall be pinned in a couple of days."

"Confound it, and they say that the ship is to
be hoisted down, and that we shall be here six
weeks at least, cooped up on board in a broil-
ing sun, and nothing to do but to watch the pi-
lot fish playing round the rudder, and munch
bad apricots. I won't go on board; look ye,
Jack?" said Gascoigne, "have you plenty of money?"

"I have twenty doubloons, besides dollars,"
replied Jack.

"Well then, we will pretend to be so much al-
lured at the result of this duel, that we dare
not show ourselves, lest we should be hung. I
will write a note and send it to Jolliffe, to say
that we have hid ourselves until the affair is
blown over, and beg him to intercede with the
captain and first lieutenant. I will tell him all
the particulars, and refer to the gunner for the
truth of it; and then I know that although we
should be punished, they will only laugh; I
will pretend that Easthupp is killed, and we
are frightened out of our lives. That will be it,
and then let's get on board one of the speron-
ares which came with fruit from Sicily, sail in
the night for Palermo, and when we'll have a
cruise for a fortnight, and then we'll have a
all gone we'll come back."

"That's a capital idea, Ned, and the sooner
we do it the better. I will write to the captain
begging him to get me off from being hung, and
telling him where we have fled to, and that let-
ter shall be given after we have sailed."

They are two very nice lads—our hero and
Gascoigne.

FROM THE MAINE FARMER.

Mr. Holmes:—There are many who talk of
the season of 1836, as being so cold that they
have raised little or nothing. Now I am one
who believe that if it must be as dry as it has
been, the cold has been a blessing in regard to
many kinds of crops. The State of Maine has
as moist a climate as any other in the Union,—
perhaps the most so. Its local situation favors
us pretty generally in regard to the drowth, and
yet the two last seasons have been dry, and the
season of 1836 very dry. It is a well known
fact that insects, such as worms and grass-hop-
pers, are much plentier in a dry season than a
wet one. The cut-worm always dies by gluttony,
and much rain is the destruction of the grass-
hopper. Now let us consider the various
crops usually raised by us and see if they have
suffered by the cold.

I will acknowledge that Indian corn has suf-
fered by the cold, and perhaps late planted po-
tatoes, and a few vines, as the squash, &c., but
first, wheat.

It is a well known fact that wheat always
does best in a comparatively cool and dry sea-
son, and accordingly, where it was sown in
proper season this year there has been a good
crop—the only difficulty is, there was not enough
grass.

Grass is always best in a wet and cool season,
and consequently the same bulk is heavier than
in a warm one. Hot countries never give good
grass or hay. We must go far north or be fa-
vored with a cold season to raise the grasses to
perfection, sufficiently to support cattle without
grain.

Oats are raised in great perfection at the
north of Scotland, and always fill best in high
northern latitudes or in cold seasons; hence
northern oats bring the highest price in the mar-
ket, yet this year the straw has been small but
the oat is well filled, as I think, for the want of
your Scotch mist, or sufficient rain. The po-
tatoe comes to the greatest perfection in a moist
and cool climate—as in Ireland for instance.—
At the south it is not raised in perfection.—
Our crops this year have not been abundant,—
owing, as I think, to the want of wet, and not
for the lack of heat. I want that early frosts
have injured some late planted pieces consider-
ably—but to lessen the crop it must be actual
frost, and not cool weather without frost. Rye
Peas and Oats are all governed by the same
laws of nature, and have all been alike injured
by the want of rain, and consequently by grass-
hoppers, instead of the cold weather. Now,
Mr. Editor, it is in vain to talk of cold seasons,
but you may and ought to attribute the failure
or rather the scantiness of our crops to the dry
weather, and not to the cold unless you mean
to include drowth when you say cold, which is
not always the case, for we have all experienc-
ed hot and dry weather, which is far more dis-
tressing than cold and dry. Let us tell the story
as it should be, and not talk so much of cold
seasons. I am a believer in Cycles, and that
at least once in about nineteen years we may
always expect just such seasons as we now
have.

A. B.

Oct. 10, 1836.

*There is some doubt in our minds about that—the whole
race of them would be extinct if that were the case, Ed.

JOHN BUNYAN AND THE BISHOP.

John Bunyan, who, as most people know,
was pastor of the Baptist Church at Bedford,
was much in the habit of preaching in the sur-
rounding villages, frequently walking with a
staff in his hand, many miles within a week for
that purpose. In his itinerant excursions he
was often met by the Bishop of Peterborough,
riding in his carriage. The Bishop's
coachman, who was a dissenter, and sometimes
heard Bunyan preach, had made such repre-
sentations of his wonderful talents as excited
his lordship's curiosity; he consequently ordered
the man, the next time he met Mr. B. to
let him know. The coachman in a short time
met Mr. B. in the high road, and, as he
was desired, stopped the carriage, intimating to
his master that that was Mr. Bunyan, and to
Mr. B. that his lordship wished to speak with
him. The Bishop, from his carriage window,
then addressed the Nonconformist:

"Mr Bunyan I understand you are very clever
or at interpreting difficult passages of scripture.
What do you think was the meaning of St.
Paul, when he says to Timothy, 'The cloak
that I left at Troas with Cyprus, when thou
comest bring with thee, and the books, espe-
cially the parchments?'"

"Why, my lord," said Bunyan, "the passage is
simple enough. Paul was a travelling Preacher:
Timothy was a primitive bishop. In those
days it was customary for bishops to wait on
travelling preachers; Paul therefore instructs
Timothy to look after his baggage, and to bring
it with him when he comes. Times are altered
since then. Now bishops ride, and travelling
preachers walk."

The bishop threw himself back in his carriage
cried "Humph!" and ordered the coachman to
drive on.—London Patriot.

MODERN GREECE.—One of the best and
most gratifying evidences of the rapid improve-
ments of this beautiful country, since its eman-
cipation from the yoke of Turkey, and its res-
toration to a constitutional government, is the
fact that thousands of emigrant families are flock-
ing into it from all the surrounding regions.—
Eighteen hundred families of Nomadic horse-
men from Epirus, Macedonia, and Thessaly,
have abandoned their wandering habits, and ar-
rived within the dominions of King Otho, with
six hundred thousand sheep and twenty thou-
sand horses. Three thousand families from the
Aspropotamos, have also offered themselves for
incorporation into various communes. Even
the wild Ipsariots, now that the government has
granted them some privileges, are disposed to
settle permanently in Etruria. Indeed, every
day shines with brighter promise upon this lovely
and once glorious land, and Greece may be
"living Greece" once more. The blood of her
modern patriots and heroes has not been so co-
piously poured in vain; the bright union of her
future history with the past, may yet cover over
the intervening ages of her thralldom, misery
and barbarism; and liberty, literature, and ar-
chitecture, may yet flourish under her lucid
skies. Who that has observed the rapid ame-
lioration of her late condition, will dare to deny
that free institutions are a blessing to mankind?

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A foreigner just arrived observed an owl,—
which a farmer had brought in for sale,

"Pray what do you ask for this turkey?" said
the foreigner.

"Why sir, this is an owl."

"I don't care how old it is—only tell me
your price."

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Why are temperance societies like our saw
mills? Because they go by water power.

From the Portland Argus.
DREADFUL CATASTROPHE!
Steamer Royal Tar burnt—
thirty-two lives lost.

Intelligence was received in town last evening of the entire destruction, by fire, (24th ult.) of the Steamer Royal Tar, on her passage from St. Johns to this city. The particulars, as far as we have been able to ascertain them are as follows—having been gathered from Joseph T. Sherwood, Esq. of this city, who was on board at the time of the accident, and who barely escaped with life:

The Royal Tar, having on board about ninety persons besides the crew, mostly emigrants, and a caravan of wild animals, when near Fox Islands, at the mouth of the Penobscot river, on Thursday last, about 2 o'clock P. M. was discovered to be on fire. The fire caught over the boiler, and spread with great rapidity. As soon as the accident became known, there was great commotion on board, each one striving to get possession of the boats. The boats not being large enough to contain the whole, many jumped overboard, clinging to ropes, and whatever articles came in their way, until they were picked up or drowned.

The cutter in the Castine station was happily near by, and immediately went to the relief of the sufferers. The caravan which was on board was entirely lost, excepting the elephant, who resisted all efforts to drive him overboard until the fire became very hot, when he went over, and when last seen was swimming for the shore.

Fears were entertained on the reception of the news that several gentlemen belonging to this city had been lost, and great excitement existed in this city in consequence, but we are happy to be able to state that no one was lost belonging to this place. Four of those drowned were male cabin passengers—one of them, it is said, belonged to Boston—also four of the caravan keepers, and four of the crew—the remainder of the unfortunate sufferers were emigrants.

Much property was lost, particularly in money. One gentleman, Capt. Edward Waite, of this city had about \$5000 entrusted to him, which was lost. It is said that Capt. W. secured himself and trunk or the steps of the boat, until the rope to which they were attached was burnt off—when, still retaining possession of his treasure, he swam to another part of the vessel where he sustained himself and property until a cabin passenger, a lady, floating near him, when he let go his trunk and seized and sustained the woman until they were both saved! This is one of the many stories afloat—we trust it is true—it is too honorable to Capt. W. to be suppressed—it makes a hero of him.

The amount of notes and specie lost is not less than \$60,000. One of the caravan keepers tied \$500 in specie about his person, jumped overboard, and was drowned. The scene on board beggars description, many passengers were so much frightened that they jumped overboard, some of them mothers with their infants lashed on them. Only one person, an elderly woman, was burned—the remainder of the 32 were drowned.

The sea was running very high—which rendered the efforts to save the sufferers, more difficult. Had the accident occurred in the night, the loss of life must have been much greater—and the horrors of the scene been painfully increased.

The boat at the time of the discovery of the fire was at anchor for the purpose of filling her boilers, about a mile and a half from land, the wind blowing off—the anchor was immediately cut away, a sail hoisted, and every effort made to run her ashore; but as the steam had been blown off, that end could not be accomplished. The fire was communicated to the boat from the boilers, which had been suffered to get red hot, and in which the water was very low at the time.

Some of the above facts may not be strictly correct in all their details—but, knowing the intense anxiety of the public to learn the particulars, we have given besides the facts furnished by Capt. S. which are doubtless correct, statements from other sources which appeared to us to be entitled to credit. We shall probably be able to give farther particulars on Monday.

The following is a list of the passengers and crew, lost and saved, for which we are indebted to the politeness of the British Vice Consul at this port, Capt. J. T. Sherwood.

List of Passengers lost.
Mr. J. Price, Mr. S. Siler, Mr. A. Curtis, Mr. J. Ryan, Mary Dorogh, Matty Smith, and child, Peggy Cochlan, Mary Caton, Chas. Curran wife and child, Mary Hogan, Nicholas Thremba, Thos. Mehoney, Dennis O'Brien, Mary Hickey, Fanny O'Brien, John Hogan, Eliza Hogan.

Crew Lost.—Chas. Ford, Seaman; John Day, do.; Mary Burr, Stewardess.

List of Passengers Saved.
J. T. Sherwood, Esq., Mr. Owen M. Glueley, Mr. John Riggs, Mr. S. Potter, Mr. Andrew Garrison, Mr. John Amley, Mr. James H. Fowler, Mr. Henry Fuller, Mr. Andrew Fuller, Mr. J. Wheeler, Mr. Wm. Kipp, Mr. J. Marmon, Mr. M. Lourey, Mr. Hitherty, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Layton, Mr. Corson, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Hodges, Mr. Gauson, Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Potter, Owen Doherty, Mary Muldoon, John Martin, Mary Martin, Pat Moore, Mic Moore, Mic Dorton, John Dorton, E. Hogan, Mr. Mehoney, Mr. Mayrom, Mr. Honrall, John Turner, Capt. E. Waite, of Portland, Mr. Geo. Eaton, Mr. Harrison, Miles Murphy, Mr. Mahoney.

Crew Saved.
Thomas Reed, Master; Wm. Black, Mate; Mr. Atkins, Pilot; Mr. Martin, Engineer; J.

Kehoe, 2d do; Mr. Kehoe, Fireman; Hugh Blaney, do; and two other Firemen, names not known; Wm. Conner, Cook; another Cook name unknown—Henry Luff, Geo. Nathew, Owen Atkins, Seamen—Wm. Brown, steward; boys, Pat Dailey, Wm. Noggins, John McElvery, Waiters.

A STEAMBOAT ON FIRE!—A correspondent of the Boston Traveller was lately a passenger on board one of the largest steamboats of Lake Erie, which took fire in the dead of night. Those who know the awful character of a fire on the water will easily appreciate the peril through which a multitude of lives but just escaped on this occasion. There were 600 passengers on board, all asleep. The noise made in attempting to extinguish the flames, awoke some of the passengers, and they went upon deck to learn the matter; but just as they opened the cabin door, the sagacious pilot, who knew that if the great multitude of passengers were alarmed, the hands could not operate to extinguish the fire, called out aloud—"Fill up the boilers, boys—fill up the boilers—no delay!" "O they are filling the boilers," said the passengers, and down they slipped into their berths again. But it was soon found necessary to make a hole in the side of the boat near the wheel, to get at the fire, and to this end they had to let down the little boat; and thus operating upon the side of the steamboat, roused some of the passengers again, who thrust their heads out of the side windows and called, "What's the matter?" "Nothing, nothing," said the pilot, "we wish to land some passengers just ahead here at Chivanga—Down with the boat, boys." So the passengers quietly took to their heads and decamped again; and thus the great multitude were kept quiet, in ignorance of what was going on, till the fire was extinguished and they were delivered from their imminent peril.

The barn of Mr. Luke H. French of Skowhegan, containing a horse and six or seven head of neat cattle, besides a large quantity of hay, grain, farming utensils and other property, was consumed by fire on Wednesday night last. The consequences of this calamity, sufficiently shocking in themselves, are much aggravated by the belief that the barn of Mr. French was set on fire by his own FATHER! The supposed culprit was apprehended by virtue of a warrant issued upon the complaint of his son on Thursday last, and was brought before Samuel Philbrick, Esq. of this place who, after examination, ordered him to recognize with sufficient sureties in the sum of \$1000, for his appearance before the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Norridgewock on the first Tuesday of June next, and upon failure to furnish such sureties the respondent was committed to await his trial. Some of the facts and circumstances detailed by the witnesses at the examination were as follows:

On Wednesday night last between the hours of eleven and twelve, the respondent, John E. French, arose from his bed, and his wife who was awakened by the noise he made in shutting the door, arose and saw him go towards the barn. Apprehensive of evil, she went into the room where her son slept, a lad about fifteen years old, and told him to get up and go and tell Luke that his father had gone to the barn. The boy immediately got up, but before he left the house he saw the light of the flames through the crevices of the barn. He ran in great alarm to the house of Mr. Luke French which stands but a few feet from that of the respondent, and informed him that his barn was on fire. Luke instantly arose, rushed towards the barn and met his father coming from the barn towards the house with a tin quart cup in his hand. He caught hold of the old gentleman and exclaimed, "Good God Father, you have not set my barn on fire have you?"—The father made no answer but proceeded to the house. The son ran to the barn for the purpose of rescuing his cattle from the fire; but upon opening the stable door, the flames met him and he was forced back. Neighbors rushed to his assistance in vain. The scene of distress was rendered ten fold more appalling by the cries of agony made by the poor beasts in their vain efforts to escape from the conflagration! Other circumstances were related by the witnesses—such as previous threats and subsequent statements confirming the evidence of his guilt.—The quart cup was also produced and ashes were found adhering to the bottom and sides of it.—Skowhegan Sentinel.

We learn from the Nantucket Inquirer, that the brig Rising Sun, with a cargo of flour, meal, &c. while anchored near Great Point Rip, on Tuesday last, was boarded by the crews of several fishing smacks, belonging at Connecticut and elsewhere, and plundered of about 400 barrels of flour and various other articles. The officers and crew had been landed at Great Point, leaving the vessel in a condition to be easily towed into port; but when the steamboat, sent to tow her in, approached the brig, it was found that her decks had been torn up by the marauders and every thing within reach carried off. The vessel had sunk to the water's edge, and it is expected will now be totally lost. Officers have been sent in pursuit of the offenders, intending to obtain the assistance of the Revenue Cutter at New Bedford.

Boston Times.
At Nantes, in the south of France, a few days ago the guillotine being out of repair, not a carpenter in the place would give his assistance, even though a large reward had been at last proposed to induce them to work. The French papers recommend this example to be followed, as one means, when all others fail, of putting a stop to capital punishment.

ON THE DEMOCRACY.
Paris, November 8, 1836.

THE ELECTION. The campaign is over. The battle has been fought, and we are now only anxious to hear the result. Come what may we have no fears but that Maine has done her duty, and maintained her principles. The desperation of the opposition has been manifested by their papers of last week. When the time for reply and retaliation had passed by, then they ventured upon charges against the democratic candidates, a review of which must we should think put to the blush even their hardened effrontery. Hints and insinuations became facts and refuted slanders were revived and republished for effect on the eve of the election. When will our opponents learn something of public sentiment and form a true estimate of the intelligence and firmness of the people? Can they suppose them possessed of so little independence of character as to be influenced by such attacks made at such a time? Had our opponents in this State, a reasonable prospect of success their desperate mode of electioneering would not seem so surprising, and might be justified by those who hold that all is fair in politics. But such gratuitous degradation would not have been expected from men who even pretend to retain any portion of self respect. Their very next papers will doubtless acknowledge that they had no hope of success in the recent election, and they would laugh at the foolish simplicity of any one who should have been deceived by their confident boasts. If their readers are satisfied, we are. If they can still accord to them their confidence, then we must say that the readers are worthy of the papers and both are worthy of the cause they support.

DISTRESSING OCCURRENCE. On Monday of last week, Mr. Olin C. Bolster of Rumford, Trader, left his Store for a few moments in the care of a son of his about seven years of age, and two other boys, brothers, by the name of Chapman, one about seven years old and the other younger. The boys took some powder from a cask and in so doing spilled some on the head. One of them then took a coal of fire to burn the powder on the top of the cask and thus set fire to the whole and blew up the store. Mr. Bolster's son, we are informed, was so badly burned that he expired that night. One of the other boys is not expected to survive. It is said that the quantity of powder was over twenty pounds. The fire was extinguished by the neighbors before it had made much progress. Both sides of the store were burnt through and of course much injury done to the contents. It is stated that this was Mr. Bolster's only son. These are the particulars as far as we have heard them.

Last week on Thursday we were visited with a snow storm which continued during the day. Much of it melted, but several inches remained on the ground, and from present appearances we have little reason to hope that the ground will be bare again before next spring. It is unfavorable to the farmers to have their cattle driven to the barns thus early, but we trust that the severe lesson of last winter will induce them so to proportion their stock to their fodder as to prevent any great scarcity of the latter. The price of beef is such that farmers can turn to advantage all they have to spare.

RETURN OF VOTES.
We request the Clerks in the several towns and plantations in this County to forward to us as soon as possible correct returns of the votes given for Electors. By so doing they will confer a favor on us and on the public, by enabling us to publish a complete list. Please to direct to the Postmaster at Paris.

List of votes thrown in this town for Electors of President and Vice President, Nov. 7, 1836.
Van Buren Ticket, 157
Harrison Ticket, 34

SURPLUS REVENUE. "The period will soon arrive when the question will be decided, whether the State of New Hampshire will sanction the high handed, if not unconstitutional act of Congress, by accepting her share of the Treasury plunder, or, by a prompt rejection of the bribe, maintain the untarnished honor and independence which has hitherto distinguished her, and which it is the duty of a sovereign people to preserve. We have that high opinion of the virtue, intelligence and patriotism of the people of this state, which leads us to believe that a vast majority are opposed to a tariff, which shall produce more than is necessary to defray the current expenses of the Government and we cannot believe that their influence will be given to promote a measure so well calculated to foster the high tariff system as is this distribution or deposit bill. Had Congress acted in good faith with the people, and by a full reduction of the tariff prevented a recurrence of the evil of a plethoric treasury, the return of the money to the people, from whom it had been unjustly exacted, might possibly, have been justified upon the ground of expediency; but, even in this case, every legitimate want of the government should have been first amply provided for, and every constitutional method resorted to, to get rid of the evil before recourse should have been had to distribution.—After the proper remedies had been applied, and all other means had failed to rid treasury of the surplus, it might have been returned to the people, from whose pockets it was drawn; but it never should have been given to the States; they contributed nothing toward it, and of course had no business with it whatever.—The principle of raising a revenue by an indirect tax upon the people, without regard to the liabilities of property, for whose security, mainly, the government was established, though in accordance to the constitution, is manifestly unequal in its operation, and is borne more from conviction of its propriety; [it must always be remembered that the revenue or taxes of the United States is raised by a tariff or tax on the necessities of life, imported from abroad, and that each individual pays according to the amount he consumes, by which means the poor pay as much as the rich;] but when this principle is extended solely to benefit the rich, to a degree never contemplated by the Constitution, and a large surplus is produced, principally from the pockets of the people, and this, by another act of that body, which, in the first place overstepped the utmost limit of its power in producing it, is so disposed as to run back in a channel essentially different that through

which it had been received, and by which the poor man, in addition to all the other burdens heaped upon him by partial legislation, is made to bear an equal burden with the rich, it becomes the duty of every friend of popular rights to protest against the act in all its stages. The principle of taxing the whole people for the sole purpose of making the sovereign States tributaries of the general government, can result in nothing short of the consolidation or revolution, and we do not doubt this was the principal motive which influenced the advocates of a strong government and the nullifiers in their support of the measure. We do not wish to be understood as meaning to charge its democratic supporters with being influenced by this consideration, but they certainly can offer no sound apology for their conduct. They have, in moment of weakness suffered themselves to be completely deceived by those whom they have all along affected to despise, and acting upon the impulse of the moment, yielded a point which they were chosen to preserve, and which the people have been contending for, ever since the government was established. The only means now left of saving anything from this wreck of principle, is a reduction of the tariff, and this, to be effective must be instantly applied. It is no use to prate about the promise act; every consideration should yield to the attempt which will be made to stay the tide of corruption that cannot fail to follow in the wake of this deposit bill. Reform the bill regulating the sales of the public lands, repeal the tariff, and rescind the Deposit bill, and the Union may still be preserved."—N. H. Gazette.

From the Skowhegan Sentinel.

Public Education.—This subject has claimed the attention of all free governments, more or less, both in ancient and modern times.—Among modern instances, perhaps New England will rank the first on the list of those who have done the most to diffuse universal instruction, and foster primary schools. This ever has been a radical principle in our government, since the pilgrim fathers first trod the rocky shores of New England. They saw at a single glance that if the right of universal suffrage was to be allowed, universal instruction must be extended also; and extended, too, not only to those in moderate circumstances, but to the poorest of the poor—to the whole people—one and all without exception. Accordingly, acting up to this principle, we find them at a very early period of their history, in the midst of their poverty, making appropriations of money for the dissemination of learning, and laying a broad foundation for the mental improvement of their descendants. And now, let me ask, have they followed up, and extended the great plan marked out by their fathers, with that patriotic zeal and enthusiastic love of knowledge, which should characterize their offspring? We fear not.—How much public education is neglected, let the numbers who can scarcely read a common sentence intelligently or even write their name legibly, answer. Or, let the ignorance of many of the fundamental principles of education, and want of ability displayed by those who are often inculcated as teachers, (because they will keep cheap,) tell to what a low ebb the PALLADIUM of our liberty has fallen.

The ancient Spartans, according to Plutarch, considered children not so much the property of their parents, as of the state; consequently, the state assumed the entire direction of their education, and all were equally instructed at the public charge. But it is not our wish, again to introduce the iron age of Lacedaemon; but we think, that even the republican legislators of this country, would find it more to the advantage of their constituents, and more conducive to the public as well as private happiness and welfare of their country, and the world, were they to spend less of their time in angry and unprofitable vituperation, and endeavor to advance the general education of their countrymen another step, by a thorough revision, and improvement of the condition of those nurseries of liberty and equal rights.—our primary schools.

Let parents, also, look well to the education of their children.—If they would rear them up, useful members of society, and intelligent and worthy citizens—if they would see them among the honored and respected of the land, let not a base and inordinate desire of gain, induce them to keep their children at work when they should be at their studies.

If the spirit of violence and mob law, which is making such alarming progress in our country, is ever to be put down, and brought in subjection to the laws of the land, it must be done by implanting in the minds of the youthful and rising generation, a sacred regard for the laws of their country,—laws which are of the people's own formation—and a just and enlightened view of our civil policy, and of those great principles of equality and individual rights upon which that policy is founded. Let the divine and republican motto, to allow others the same rights which we claim ourselves, be allowed to take effect, and you will have done much towards promoting public and private happiness, and laying a firmer and surer basis, on which to ground our fondest and most aspiring hopes for the spread and perpetuity of liberal principles.

Let people remember that information is the best inheritance they can leave their children.—"Knowledge is power;" and if you would have your children free, and your children's children also, give them knowledge. We say again,—"Knowledge is power;"—if the People possess knowledge they possess the power, and of course will be FREE!

VEGETABLES.—"The best vegetable," said a lisping old maid, to a friend, "that ever I eat with a clam."

From the Saturday Courier.
High Price of Bread Stuff—Pretended Scarcity of Crops—Speculating Mania.

We do not believe there has been a season for the last half century, which has not been marked by the alarming cry, that the crops would be cut off, and famine was brooding over the land. No sooner is the seed in the ground and the farmer has quitted the fresh furrows of his fields, than some wiseacre finds that a "peculiar worm" is making astonishing devastation, and out of that which has been sown, not one in a thousand will take root and spring up to give harvest. And so all through the process of nature. When the fields smile with waving grain, multitudes of flies, "peculiar to the season," threaten entire destruction to the wheat and other crops.

The truth is, no season of "seed time and harvest" ever passed by, without destruction, from various causes, occurring to the crops in different sections. We do not believe, from the best sources of information to which we have access, that the crops of 1836 are marked with any very extraordinary destruction, or that they will be vastly deficient in amount. While wheat appears to be a meagre crop in some sections, in others it is uncommonly good, and so we may say of corn, rye, and the various other growth of bread-stuffs.

It is true that all kinds of bread-stuffs are exceedingly high; and it is a matter of deep concernment to the families of our country that they should be so. If we say they are up to fictitious prices. The hue and cry—raised by morbid alarms, or for the sinister purposes of speculation—have mainly produced this state of prices. Bread-stuffs must go down in price, and that too by a material diminution. The price now demanded for a barrel of flour is much beyond its intrinsic value, and not at all proportioned to the prospects of supply for the demands of consumption.

It is not only in bread-stuffs that prices have advanced, but every article of American production is from fifteen to twenty per centum higher than it was twelve months ago—and it cannot be pretended that multitudes of these depend upon the "scarcity of the crops." We believe that the alarming mania for speculation, which for several years has been constantly spreading over every section of our beloved country, is the fundamental cause of the present fictitious prices affixed to all articles of American productions. The natural growth of the country—the augmentation of population from home and abroad—might naturally create a gradual increase of price; but these would never have brought about that exorbitant advance which baffles the foresight of sagacity, and will finally prove unhealthy and ruinous as well to the merchant as to all other classes of our extensive country.

High Prices.
Every one is at a loss to account for the high prices of the ordinary articles of living, and we have often been asked to solve the question.—Many reasons might be given, but as to the primary one, there may not be an agreement of opinion; though all, we think, will concur as to one or two.

We attribute the rapid rise in the price of provisions in part to the fact that agriculture does not, in general, receive its due proportion of public attention. The great demand for labor upon works of internal improvement, has necessarily abstracted a portion from field duties, and the increased productions of the soil do not keep pace with the increased consumption consequent upon the numerous public works now in progress in every part of the country. We might refer, too, to the immense drain from our slave population, to supply the Southern market; and we might with great propriety allude to the prevailing disposition to engage in speculations of all sorts—now so tempting to men of ardent temperaments.

But, worst of all, let any one look at the host of idlers to be found in every large city—the number who are consumers, without adding anything to the common stock—and the wonder will cease, that the price of every thing necessary to comfort or pleasure should be on the rise.

It does not become us authoritatively to suggest the remedy, but we believe we may safely venture the opinion, that the agriculture of this country must be improved; that parents must banish their holy horror of the sentence, that man should "earn his bread by the sweat of his brow," and must put their sons to useful employments, by which the productions of the earth can be increased—instead of indulging in the senseless pride of making them all professional men, without regard to their taste or capacity. The evil last alluded to, is becoming a serious one—and proofs of its existence are every where to be seen. No man can mistake the interests of the working classes, that the essential condition, the accumulation of wealth, is that it shall be produced in greater abundance than it is consumed; in other words, that labor shall be profitable, and earn more than its maintenance.

This is not now the case, is evident from the fact that numerous articles of necessity and comfort, of which the earth would yield an abundant supply, fall far short of the demand;—whilst acres of productive land; or that which might easily be made so, are lying unimproved, even in the precincts of this goodly city.

The subject is worthy of serious reflection. Common sense demands the speedy application of remedy—and we trust that the ancient and honorable pursuit of man will soon regain its place in the affections of the enterprising and the influential portion of society. We hope the period is at hand, when the love of distant ad-

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